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**Commissioner for Patents****Examiner Response to the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal**

This communication is in response to the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, entered as paper 26 on January 20, 2004. The order noted that there was confusion regarding which version of claims 1 and 11-13 – the claims filed on January 23, 2001 (paper 9), or the claims filed on July 18, 2001 (paper 15) – is on appeal.

From the record, Examiner has determined that the July 18, 2001 (paper 15) claims are on appeal. However, to match these claims to the claims in the appendix of Applicant's appeal brief filed on April 29, 2002 (paper 22), Applicant is required to submit a formal amendment deleting the wording "the first process is provided" from claims 1 and 11-13 of the July 18, 2001 version of the claims (see the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal, paper 26). Once this amendment is entered, no changes to the Appendix of the appeal brief will be necessary.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Edelman whose telephone number is (703) 306-3041. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:  
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